


# Holy Cross Lutheran Church

(Lutheran Church Missouri Synod)

## Divine Service Four

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

July 3, 2022



Jesus said,  
"As one whom his  
mother comforts,  
so I will comfort  
you."

Isaiah 66:13



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8:00 and 10:30 AM

### Prayer for the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

God of all mercies, we thank You for Your wonderful promises—You keep Your word. You remember Your promises and act on what You have said: our sins are forgiven, You love us with an everlasting love, You have adopted us into Your family of believers, we are Your children, and we are heirs of eternal life. You are with us every day to protect us from harm and danger, to guide us when we need to make decisions, and to bless us and our loved ones. May we always search Your written Word so that we receive strength and remain faithful to our Lord Jesus who is our salvation and in whose name we pray. Amen.



**The Lord's Supper** is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1 Cor. 11:17-34), and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to speak with the Pastor prior to communing with us for the first time. We thank you for respecting our belief and practice regarding the Lord's Supper.



## Confession and Absolution

### 793 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

#### Invocation

*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

#### Exhortation

*Psalm 124:8; Psalm 130:3–4; Luke 18:13*

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
- P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

#### Confession of Sins

- C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

## Absolution

[John 20:19–23]

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**G** Amen.



## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 19:2, 4–6; antiphon: v. 1*



The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,\*  
and the sky above proclaims his | handiwork.

**Day to day | pours out speech,\***  
**and night to night reveals | knowledge.**

Their measuring line goes out through all the earth,  
and their words to the end | of the world.\*  
In them he has set a tent | for the sun,

**which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his | chamber,\***  
**and, like a strong man, runs its | course with joy.**

Its rising is from the end of the heavens,  
and its circuit to the | end of them,\*  
and there is nothing hidden | from its heat.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,\*  
and the sky above proclaims his | handiwork.

## Kyrie

Mark 10:47



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good - will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, You have built Your Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus Himself as the cornerstone. Continue to send Your messengers to preserve Your people in true peace that, by the preaching of Your Word, Your Church may be kept free from all harm and danger; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 66:10–14

“Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,  
all you who love her;  
rejoice with her in joy,  
all you who mourn over her;  
that you may nurse and be satisfied  
from her consoling breast;  
that you may drink deeply with delight  
from her glorious abundance.”

For thus says the LORD:

“Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river,  
and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream;  
and you shall nurse, you shall be carried upon her hip,  
and bounced upon her knees.

As one whom his mother comforts,  
so I will comfort you;  
you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;  
your bones shall flourish like the grass;  
and the hand of the LORD shall be known to his servants,  
and he shall show his indignation against his enemies.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Romans 10:15b, 18b; Isaiah 52:7b, alt.*



**How beautiful are the feet of those  
who preach the | good news,\*  
who publish peace and bring good news of sal- | vation.  
Their voice has gone out to | all the earth,\*  
and their words to the ends | of the world.**

## Epistle: Galatians 6:1–10, 14–18

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. But let each one test his

own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. For each will have to bear his own load.

One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches. Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. . . .

But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse



*John 20:31*



## Holy Gospel: Luke 10:1–20

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

**G** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.' I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

"Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. But it will be more bearable in the judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You shall be brought down to Hades.

"The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me."

The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** **Praise to You, O Christ.**





## Nicene Creed

**☩ I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from  
heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the  
Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the  
living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped  
and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic  
Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.**

## 533 Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure

### Sermon

#### "Four Solid Reasons for Optimism"

Text: Isaiah 66:10-14

*Stand*

### Prayer of the Church

*After each portion of the prayer:*

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

*Sit*

### Offering

*(Please add your name to the red fellowship book and pass it to your fellow worshipers.)*



## Service of the Sacrament



*Please read our Statement on Holy Communion on the inside cover of the bulletin before communing with us.*



*Stand*

### Preface

*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your

Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## **Lord's Prayer**

*Matthew 6:9–13*

**G Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Words of Our Lord**

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;  
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**Pax Domini**

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** Amen.



**Agnus Dei**

*John 1:29*

Musical score for Agnus Dei in G major (one sharp). The score consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God, 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world a - way; You take the sin of the world a - way; O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ, Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray. And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*Sit*

**Personal prayer before Communing**

*Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen*



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## ***Personal prayer of thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament***

*Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.*

## **704 Renew Me, O Eternal Light**

## **966 Before You, Lord, We Bow**

*Stand*

## **Nunc Dimittis**

*Luke 2:29–32*

**1** O Lord, now let to Your ser - vant De -  
**2** All glo - ry to the the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
A light to lead the be - Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in lead the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## Post-Communion Collect

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Benedicamus

*Psalm 103:1*

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## 965 God Bless Our Native Land



# ***Soli Deo Gloria!***

***(To God alone be the glory.)***

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## Announcements



Assisting Elders:  
8 a.m. – Scott Schlopko  
10:30 a.m. – Curt Oliver



## P B & J

**We all know what that means...  
"peanut butter and jelly!"**

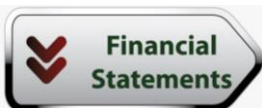
As one of Women of the Cross' Mission Projects in 2022, we would take pleasure in Holy Cross' "helping hand" gathering large and small containers of peanut butter and jelly.

Tis "school out" time for families. In discussing our Mission Projects, we LWML ladies felt this is the perfect time of year to be of assistance to Douglas County families in this small way through Douglas County Help & Hope Task Force in Castle Rock.

For gathering of these items, look for the plastic tub on the table next to the office door. Thank you for your kindness and generosity. Blessings...

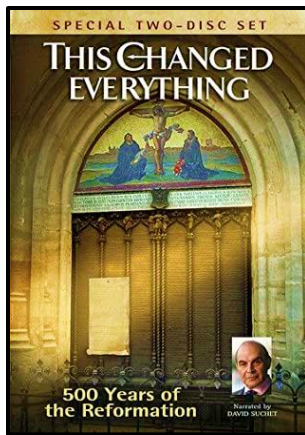


*Almighty God, throughout history, You gave protection, strength, and wisdom to Your people. We pray that You will remain with our nation. Give us protection from all evil that tries to destroy us. Give leaders wisdom to govern as You want them to. Send Your Spirit to everyone in our nation so Your Word may be spread from coast to coast. We praise You for our nation. Give it protection. In Jesus' name. Amen*



*Your midyear Financial Statements are in your boxes. Contact Dave Shavlik at 720-480-7863 if you have any questions.*





# THIS CHANGED EVERYTHING

## 500 Years of the Reformation

You're invited to attend a four-week series of short videos starting on **Wednesdays, July 13, 20, 27 and August 3 at 7 pm.** A period of discussion will follow each video and ice cream will be served at the conclusion.

This documentary series covers the history of the Reformation and its aftermath and offers critical analysis about its relation to important issues facing the church today.



As our nation faces unrest, we pray for the safety of those who work to uphold the sanctity of life.

*Dear Heavenly Father,*

*We thank you for your gift of creation and redemption. We live in a sinful world that is filled with discord and unrest. Protect those who work to uphold the sanctity of*

*life. Help us to respond as you would have us to do. Give us peace in the understanding that you are still in control. May you grant healing of spirit to those in need during these days of unrest.*

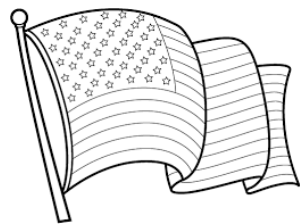
*In the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.*

*... in everything by prayer and supplication with Thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.*

— Philippians 4:6b

## 4th of July

Q F V S J S F A C O F E K S Y  
Q K I P U O R X C R A K C X A  
R U K R U M E A E I T G G E D  
J R C R E K M E T R R G P Q I  
T R T P N W D E N S K E A S L  
G H Q I P O O O R R N D M W O  
K A H C M P A R A D E E C A H  
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AMERICA  
BLUE  
CELEBRATE  
FIREWORKS  
FLAG  
FOURTH  
FREEDOM  
HOLIDAY  
INDEPENDENCE

JULY  
PARADE  
PICNIC  
RED  
STARS  
STRIPES  
SUMMER  
UNITED  
WHITE

**Petitions and Prayers:** Knowing God's great love for us, we ask that He listen and "answer (us) speedily."



**Health concerns:**

*Dearest Jesus, You suffered and died on the cross in our place, You have compassion on us in all of our difficulties. Grant peace of mind and strength of body to those who are ill so that they trust in You above all else. Amen.*

Please keep the following in your prayers:

- Mary (relative of Tabris') pray for protection and wisdom for her family concerning special needs.
- Angela (single mother in Illinois) friend of Helen Tabris who is waiting to get on the heart transplant list.
- Jamie (is missing and has mental health issues) and young daughter Jade (is being adopted by family in Colorado)
- Julie Ann Zamora – on-going health issues
- Sandy Olson, daughter of Jerry and Shirley Tuell – having surgery Tuesday (still recovering from the car accident last October)

**Prayer of intercession:**

*\*Heavenly Father, we lift up our hearts in thanksgiving for all of blessings You continue to pour out on our nation and its people despite our many transgressions against Your will. Grant Your wisdom to the leaders of our country that they will make just and honorable decisions and will work for the good of all the people they serve. May we know the peace of Your Son Jesus so that in our times of tribulation our hearts will be cheerful. We pray in the name of the One who has overcome the world as He told us in John 16:33.*

**"Life Quotes" from Lutherans for Life  
July 3, 2022**

"Neither America, nor democracy, nor capitalism, nor socialism, nor military might, nor diplomacy can even come close to beginning to solve the problems that exist in this world. Even in America, without Christ, we are without hope. And really, what a wonderful message of joy that is. It is not man that will change the world, but Christ alone, for in the end, the world cannot be changed; it is fully and completely at enmity with God."

*Daily Devotion, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, Michigan  
A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*



***Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,  
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!***

***Psalm 33:12***

## **Holy Cross Lutheran Church**

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Sunday Worship Services.....8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Bible Classes and Sunday School.....9:25 a.m.

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our country;  
the Savior gave all for  
our soul!**

**Celebrate your freedom!**